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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure – Art Unit 1722**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

IRIKURA *et al.*

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying

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